PRESENTATION PROGRAM AND METHOD

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT BRUCE W. STEVENS, employee of the United

States Government, citizen of the United States of America, and

resident of North Kingstown, County of Washington, State of

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entitled as set forth above of which the following is a

specification.

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5 STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT INTEREST

6 The invention described herein may be manufactured and used

7 by or for the Government of the United States of America for

8 Governmental purposes without the payment of any royalties

9 thereon or therefore.

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11 CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER PATENT APPLICATIONS

12 Not applicable.

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14 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 (1) Field of the Invention

16 The present invention relates generally to computer

17 presentation applications and, more specifically, to a computer

18 program that may be utilized for a presentation which utilizes

19 multiple computers and multiple associated displays.

20 (2) Description of the Prior Art

21 A weapons control system environment forms a computer

22 complex that may utilize numerous different workstations with

23 each workstation having one or more computer screens. In the

1   prior art, an actual use or complex simulation is necessary to

2   demonstrate operation of the weapons control system. Prior art

3   software applications do not provide for a coordinated

4   presentation wherein multiple computers display different images

5   and/or sounds. Special hardwire modifications have been

6   utilized in the past as discussed subsequently in the listed

7   prior art patents for producing multiple displays, but hardwire

8   modifications are often undesirable.

9   Prior art computer programs presently exist that may be

10   utilized to produce a series of images on a computer screen to

11   thereby provide a slideshow presentation. However, the prior

12   art programs may not be utilized to control a presentation that

13   utilizes simultaneously running multiple computers in a computer

14   complex with each computer displaying different graphics and

15   wherein each of the plurality of computers within the computer

16   complex may have one or more screens, which may also show

17   different images at different times.

18   Prior art computer programs for slideshow presentations may

19   encounter other problems such as the computers in a computer

20   system may be quite dissimilar and have different operating

21   systems whereby a prior art computer presentation program will

22   not even run on all the different computers. The prior art also

23   does not provide software means for controlling timing of the